



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a fast-paced start to the academic year, but here we are – half-term.

Half-term Highlights

We've had a number of wonderful highlights already this academic year. We entered September hot off the back of [stellar GCSE results](#) from the Class of 2022. In mid-September, we announced the launch of our exciting, new [Mandarin Excellence Programme](#) and the month ended with our annual Open Evening where Penrice was a hive of activity. October has been a month to remember as well with giant, 8ft robot [Titan inspiring students](#) and the welcome addition of [two new farm kittens](#) which have been a real hit with the school community.

Walking Talking Mocks

This week, the spotlight has been on our Year 11 students who have sat their Walking Talking Mocks in a range of subjects. Previous Year 11 cohorts have reflected very positively on their experience with the Walking Talking Mocks, stating that it helped them to overcome exam fear whilst sharpening their technique when answering questions. We hope that our current Year 11s feel the same when reflecting on this week just passed.

A big thank you and a big reveal!

As we reflect on the past seven weeks, I must say a massive thank you to all parents and carers for working with the school to help every child succeed. From punctuality to uniform and everything in between, pupils understand the expectations of being a Penrice learner and that wouldn't be possible without your help. It is your support, and the hard work of our teachers, support staff and governors that make Penrice a truly outstanding school. This has been highlighted by national data released earlier this week which reveals that Penrice is the top-performing state school in the whole of Cornwall, performing well above regional and national averages! The whole Penrice community can enter half-term on a real high based on this week's published data.

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GCSE Results



Open Evening



Walking Talking Mocks

**Penrice is the
Top-Performing State
Secondary School in
Cornwall**

Progress 8 Score: 0.59*

A8 Score: 56.9*

*Highest in Cornwall and well above
national average

Full Data (gov.uk)

Looking ahead

Beyond half-term, we have plenty to look forward to when we return including Character Development Days, Field Trips, Celebration Assemblies and, of course, our festive Winter Concert to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

Final words

For now, all that's left for me to say is that I hope the next two weeks give your child(ren) a chance to relax and recharge, enjoying Halloween and Fireworks Night in the process. See you all again on Monday 7 November.

Many thanks,
Lucy Gambier



Mr Dave Lewis

Deputy Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Vape Usage Rising in Young People

A recent NHS survey has shown that vaping is increasing among secondary school age children, with 9% overall and 18% of 15-year olds saying that they currently use e-cigarettes. Other risk factors go up for the children in this group.

The report reflects the trend that we are seeing and hearing about in school. We are taking a robust approach to addressing this. If we find vapes in school, they are confiscated and disposed of and students are sanctioned. We remind the children of the health issues caused by vaping and the fact that children having vapes is illegal.

Please could we ask for your support in talking to your child about the risks. If you would like to learn more, then you can read about the report on the [NHS website here](#).

Reports Coming Soon

All students/parents will receive their first Character Reports when we return after half-term. This is a new type of report and is part of our school response to Parent Voice Survey feedback (March 2022) where parents wished for more reporting on their child's progress. Character Reports will be issued half-termly.

The Character Reports will explore your child's Ready to Learn Score in each subject. The Ready to Learn Score takes into consideration all aspects of learning, including:

- Engagement
- Motivation
- Determination
- Respect
- Curiosity
- Resourcefulness
- And more

Also included in these reports will be a summary of Attendance, Merits, Behaviour Points, Homework Performance, and Participation in Enrichment.

Character Reports will not be replacing the regular School Reports which will continue to be sent out at the pre-scheduled intervals throughout the academic year.



Mr Gerald Parry

Maths Teacher and CEW Lead

Curriculum Enrichment Week 2023

We are all set to launch Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW) 2023 to Years 7, 8 and 9 when we return after half-term. CEW takes place during the last week of the academic year and is all about providing an unforgettable week of fun activities that develop character, nurture friendships and, most of all, make school memories that last a lifetime.

As always, free activities will be on offer and/or funding support will be provided for those families in financial hardship. More information on this will be provided after half-term.

If you would like to start making payments towards CEW 2023, you can start topping up your ParentPay account online. All payments made into your account are held by ParentPay and can be withdrawn by you at any time, should you need to do so. Please ensure any credit is added to your Parent Account and not your Child's Account. Instructions are [available here](#).

Curriculum Enrichment Week





Mr Gavin Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 - Parent Information Evening & Work Experience Launch

Earlier this week, you should have received a letter regarding the upcoming Parent Information Evening on Thursday 10 November. A copy of the [letter can be read here](#).

We'll be talking through significant events in store for our Year 10s this academic year including PPEs in Summer Term, BTEC assessments and Work Experience.

Please access the registration form below to let us know if you will be attending or not.

[Event Registration Form](#)

Year 11 - Support Sessions During Half-term

We are running support sessions for Year 11 on Tuesday 1st November as follows:

- Art & Photography - 9.00am - 2.00pm - all students invited.
- Engineering - 9.00am - 12noon - all students invited.

Students have been given letters detailing the day.

Year 11 - PPEs Launched This Week (Video)



Parent Information Video Year 11 PPEs

This week, we launched our Pre-Public Examination (PPE) programme to all Year 11 students. PPE's are the next step on the journey for your child as we prepare them for exam success.

If you're a Year 11 parent, please take the time to watch this Parent Information Video (Youtube - 9m 30s) on how to support your child through the process. Thank you.



YEARS 10 & 11 - SAVE THE DATE

Careers Fair

Wednesday 23rd November, 5pm-7pm
Hosted at Poltair School

Detailed letter and registration form will be emailed out soon.



Mrs Lorraine Turner
Careers Lead

Poltair School and Penrice Academy are working together to arrange a Careers Fair on Wednesday 23rd November, 5pm-7pm. This will be hosted at Poltair School.

At this event, Years 10 & 11 and their parents are able to meet companies and employers from a wide range of sectors, as well as meeting post-16 education providers. We have in store:

- Regional and National Employers (both private sector and public sector – including NHS, Police, Army)
- Further Education Providers
- Higher Education Providers
- Specialist Training Providers
- Apprenticeship Advice
- Careers Advice from Experts

More details about event registration will be shared when we return after half-term.

Year 11 - Austria Snowboarding Trip

Letters have been given to Year 11 students regarding a Snowboarding Trip to Austria in 2023.

Further, detailed information will be shared at a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 16 November at 6pm.



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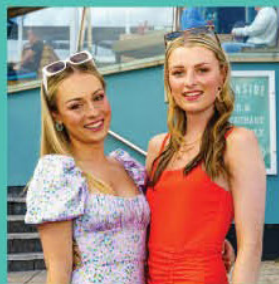

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